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SUBJECT: KREISKY'S VISIT TO PRAGUE

1. AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO PRAGUE (FEBRUARY 16-17). CZECHOSLOVAKS, AS USUAL, GAVE EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE TO THE EVENT, AND WENT ALL OUT IN A PROTOCOL SENSE TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT. WE ASSUME THAT BASIC DETAILS OF VISIT AND TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ARE AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY VIENNA. WHAT FOLLOWS IS ADDITIONAL DETAIL AND BACKGROUND, AS PROVIDED BY AUSTRAIN DCM PLATTNER (PROTECTL

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2. AUSTRIANS PRESENTED TEN NEW DIVIDED FAMILY CASES; THEY HAD GIVEN CZECHOSLOVAKS LIST OF 20 AT DECEMBER MEETING OF JOINT COMMISSION. (THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTION ON ANY OF THOSE 20 CASES AS YET, BUT PLATTNER FELT THAT INSUFFICIENT TIME HAD ELAPSED.) AS IN DECEMBER, CZECHOSLOVAKS PROMISED TO EXAMINE CASES IN SPIRIT OF "GOOD WILL."

3. PLATTNER EXPECTS THAT IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE TWO NEW BORDER CROSSING POINTS WILL ACTUALLY BE IN USE AND DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY GREAT INCREASE IN TOTAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF THEM. AUSTRIANS HAD IN FACT ASKED FOR FOUR NEW CROSSING POINTS, BUT CZECHOSLOVAKS WERE ONLY WILLING

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TO AGREE TO TWO. ACCORDING TO PLATTNER, WHAT AUSTRIANS ARE

IN FACT INTERESTED IN IN THIS REGARD IS AN INCREASE IN "KLEIN GRENZ VEKEHR (RELATIVELY FREE AND EASY LOCAL BORDER TRAFFIC BETWEEN ADJACENT TOWNS). THEY HAD MADE THIS EXPLICITLY CLEAR TO THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO INDICATED THAT THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECT OF SUCH TRAFFIC.

4. ON ECONOMIC FRONT, CZECHOSLOVAKS EXPRESSED SOME UNHAPPINESS AT FACT THAT AUSTRIANS GENERALLY BUY RAW MATERIAL FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND EXPORT FINISHED PRODUCTS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THEY ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT WORSENING (FROM GOC VIEWPOINT) BALANCE OF TRADE WHICH, ACCORDING TO PLATTNER, WAS JUST ABOUT EVEN IN 1975 AFTER YEARS OF BEING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S FAVOR. CZECHOSLOVAKS DID NOT SEEM OVERLY INTERESTED IN AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL FOR JOINT THIRD COUNTRY PROJECTS.

5. INCLUSION OF FEDERICH PETER IN THE DELEGATION, PLATTER SAID, HAD BEEN RAISED ONLY BY THE PRESS AND NOT AT ALL BY CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS, WHO SEEMED QUITE UNDISTURBED BY PETER'S PRESENCE. IN FACT, AT DEPARTURE CEREMONY AT THE RAILWAY STATION, PETER WAS THE LAST OF VISITING PARTY TO SHAKE HANDS WITH STROUGAL. A LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER PHOTOGRAPHED HANDSHAKE, FOLLOWING WHICH STROUGAL TURNED AND MADE AN OBVIOUSLY JOCULAR REMARK. FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD PLATTNER THAT STROUGAL HAD TOLD PHOTOGRAPHER THAT HE WAS SURE THAT WOULD BE BEST PHOTOGRAPH OF ENTIRE VISIT.

6. SUMMING UP, PLATTNER SAID THAT AUSTRIANS WERE PLEASED WITH GENERAL ATMOSPHERE, AND THAT VISIT HAD CONFORMED PRETTY MUCH TO GOA EXPECTATIONS, WITH NO MAJOR INITIATIVES AND NO SURPRISES. HE AGREED THAT, FROM CZECHOSLOVAK POINT OF VIEW, PRIMARY SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT LAY IN MERE FACT THAT IT TOOK PLACE.

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